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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27, 1879.
FOR PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES,
IN 1880,
ZACHARIAS CHANDLER,
OF MICHIGAN.

BILLY SPRAGUE.

The Ex-Senator Racket's a Gateless Tale in His Own Interest About the Sprague-Conkling Scandal to the Reporter of the Boston Globe.

Senator Sprague has been in consultation with his lawyers, and absolutely declines to make a statement for publication "directly," but an intimate friend relates the substance of what occurred between Mrs. Sprague and Senator Conkling on Friday, August 25, as the story came from the lips of Mr. Sprague himself. Its publication would not be permitted even now, but for the letter of Mrs. Sprague.

Gov. Sprague's version of the affair is as follows: He had been down in Maine on a business trip, expecting to be absent until Saturday night. He finished his business, before he expected to, and returned late Thursday night, but did not see Mrs. Sprague, although he knew she was present in the house.

On Friday morning he learned for the first time, and down at the pier, that Senator Conkling was up at his house and had been there a day or two. The Governor was mad beyond measure, and the cause of his anger, he said, to his friend, was the intimate relations between Senator Conkling and his wife, which had long been obnoxious to him. The existence of these relations was no secret to him. He had seen the scandal growing and becoming more and more public, and he spoke bitterly of the conduct of Senator Conkling towards his wife at Washington. Bitter words had often been exchanged between his wife and himself because of that intimacy. She was fully aware how obnoxious to him was this intimacy and what were his feelings toward Senator Conkling. But, in spite of this, said Mr. Sprague, in spite of all the scandal and the violence to his feelings, that she should invite Senator Conkling to be a guest at his house during his absence, and that Conkling should have the brazen effrontery to come there at all, incensed him beyond all measure. As he expressed it, Senator Conkling was trying to do for his home in Rhode Island what he had a ready done for his home in Washington, and he had determined to put an end to it at once and forever.

With this deliberate intention he hurried back to Canochet as soon as he heard Conkling was there. Near the house he met Link, the German professor, but he declared positively he had no quarrel with him and had no intention of shooting him. He did not even have his gun with him at that time. He did not order Link to leave the house, and was opposed to his being there, not, however, because he had anything against the man himself, but because he could not afford to have such an attachment to his establishment, and he felt that the display of extravagance at Canochet was injuring him in his efforts to save the wreck of his real property interests and to get on in his feet again financially. But he hardly gave Link a thought. Probably he did speak angrily, he said, to he was very angry; but his indignation was against Conkling and not against Link.

He found Conkling in the house alone, and ordered him out on the instant. Conkling refused to go. A few high words ensued, and then Sprague went upstairs to get his shot gun. I found he had no percussion caps for his weapon, and went off to the village to get some. As soon as he could proceed, he hurried back, and Conkling was still there! He again ordered him to leave, and Conkling refused to go and tried to mollify Sprague and even himself from leaving so suddenly on the ground that he had no carriage for himself or his baggage, which was not even packed. Thereupon Mr. Sprague drew out his watch and told Conkling that he would give him thirty seconds to get out, and that if he was not out by that time he (Sprague) would blow his brains out.

At that moment a carriage appeared in sight, which had evidently been sent for while Sprague was absent in the search for the caps. At any rate, Conkling immediately got into it and drove away, leaving his baggage behind him. What happened afterwards in the house is not related, except that Conkling's luggage was hustled out of the house on short notice. Not satisfied that Conkling would quit hanging around the place, and determined to make him fully understand that (Sprague) was thoroughly in earnest and that it was not a mere passing of rage, the Governor, as soon as he had said his say at the house and had ordered Conkling's luggage out, jumped into his own wagon and drove toward the pier to bid Conkling, as he carried his gun with him. He found Conkling pacing up and down in front of a cafe, jumping from his carriage he beckoned Conkling to come to him and said, calmly, "I want you."

Conkling came, and another scene ensued. Conkling spoke low and mildly, evidently seeking to avoid a striking observation, and tried again to mollify the Governor. This only enraged Mr. Sprague the more. He

nounced Conkling violently, and told him plainly that he had enough of his intimacy with Mrs. Sprague and did not propose to have any more of it. The Governor reminded Mr. Conkling that he had broken a promise he once made in Washington to give up his acquaintance with Mrs. Sprague.

Finally, the Governor cut Conkling short in an attempted reply, by asking him abruptly if he was armed. Conkling, bristling up, replied that he was not; that if he was he (Sprague) would not go on as he was going. Without noticing the threat, Sprague replied:

"Then go and arm yourself and hereafter go armed. I don't intend to shoot an unarmed man; but I tell you now that if you ever cross my path again, I will shoot you at sight."

With that threat Gov. Sprague jumped into his carriage and drove off, and Mr. Conkling returned to the safe. This is undoubtedly a substantially correct story of what actually happened between Senator Conkling and ex-Senator Sprague.

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